

REMARKS

Applicant added new claims 183-192 to provoke an interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,645,206 to Zdeblick et al. under 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(a).

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1066.

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